

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting January 5, 2026

The Cooperstown City Council met on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Larry Olson, Charles Dehoff, Mike Eslinger and Mark Urness. Others present: Auditor Christine Olson, Public Works David Ludwig. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Urness, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Urness, seconded by Dehoff to approve December 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Olson, seconded by M. Eslinger to approve December 23, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

David gave a report for the public works department. Valves at the water treatment plant have been replaced. Devin has started studying for his water treatment and water distribution tests and is scheduled for the test in February. The door at the shop is broken, and the hardware store is working on getting it fixed. A resident at 607 7th St is concerned about air bubbles in his line; after a discussion with NDRWA, it was suggested that we put an air release valve in the line to determine if this is a city or resident problem. Ness Plumbing will be contacted to complete this work.

Christine provided the auditor's report. At the 12/1/25 meeting, it was decided we would meet with SCDRC on January 12 to discuss the consolidation of our ordinances; this meeting will take place at 6pm at city hall. A new set of building drawings has been received and shared with the ambulance and fire departments. New in 2026, all city and park district elected officials will need to complete and file a Statement of Interest form by January 31 each year. Election candidates can begin collecting signatures as of January 1. Up for re-election are Paul, Deb, Larry, Mike, and the unexpired 2-year term for the open council position. All documents for the FEMA grant in relation to the June storm have been submitted.

Christine presented the financial report. Motion by M. Eslinger, seconded by Olson, to move \$50,000.00 from the sales tax fund to the sewer fund. Motion carried. Motion by D. Eslinger, seconded by Urness to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Olson, seconded by M. Eslinger, to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Urness, seconded by D. Eslinger to designate city funds for deposit into two (2) city banks, including Bravera Bank and Bank Forward. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a local permit submitted by Griggs County Central High School for a 50/50 raffle. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Eslinger, seconded by Olson, to approve a local permit submitted by Knights of Columbus for bingo. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a liquor license for The Fish Bowl, LLC and revoke the liquor license for The Fish Bowl. Motion carried.

Mayor Paintner talked about several vehicles parked on streets that have not moved, and what we could do to get them moved out of the way for snow plowing.

An email from Tom Maus, Griggs County Central superintendent was presented, inviting community leaders to a meeting on January 30, 2026, with the new state superintendent of schools.

Motion by Olson, seconded by D. Eslinger to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm. The next regular meeting will be February 2, 2026, at 7pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

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Batch: PAY20260501.00,01052026Payments,January2026Payments,Jan2026EFTPS,Jan2026NDPERS

Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
1130 Citizens State			
110933e	ND STATE TAX DEPT	01/02/26	\$80.59 4th Quarter payroll taxes
110934e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	01/06/26	\$11,869.41 Group health insurance
110935e	COLONIAL LIFE	01/06/26	\$867.74 Group Insurance
110936e	VERIZON WIRELESS	01/17/26	\$120.03 MIFI INTERNET
110937e	BRAVERA BANK	01/12/26	\$58.79 Deposit books
110938e	VISA	01/14/26	\$2,341.38 Microsoft Office
110940e	EFTPS	02/02/26	\$5,905.85 PAYROLL TAXES
110941e	NDPERS	02/02/26	\$3,860.58 RETIREMENT
115918	COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	01/05/26	\$68.70 Property tax
115919	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	01/05/26	\$522.99 Ambulance oxygen
115920	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	01/05/26	\$542.22 Pelvic slings/gauze sponges
115921	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	01/05/26	\$6,800.00 City hall dumpster
115922	BRITE WAY WINDOW CLEANING	01/05/26	\$152.00 City hall window cleaning
115923	Byron Mickelson	01/05/26	\$35.00 Cell phone
115924	CHRISTINE OLSON	01/05/26	\$165.90 Cell phone
115925	CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	01/05/26	\$14.00 Water sample testing
115926	COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	01/05/26	\$1,059.13 Fire dept
115927	DAVID LUDWIG	01/05/26	\$35.00 Cell phone
115928	Devin Moritz	01/05/26	\$35.00 Cell phone
115929	ELECTRIC PUMP	01/05/26	\$62,500.00 Lift #2 piping retrofit
115930	ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING LLC	01/05/26	\$4,800.00 Landfill cleanup & dig pit 10/23, 10/25
115931	Emily Waldo	01/05/26	\$112.20 Cleaning
115932	F-M AMBULANCE SERVICE	01/05/26	\$19.50 BLS provider card - M Kramer
115933	GILBERTSONS	01/05/26	\$82.68 Ambulance fuel
115934	GRIGGS COUNTY COURIER	01/05/26	\$45.00 Annual newspaper subscription
115935	GRIGGS COUNTY TREASURER	01/05/26	\$39,333.46 Country Club property taxes
115936	HIGHROAD PARTNERS HR SOLUTIONS	01/05/26	\$350.00 Annual handbook license renewal
115937	INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS	01/05/26	\$1,640.59 Yearly generator service 3 units
115938	J.P. COOKE COMPANY	01/05/26	\$93.95 2026 Dog tags
115939	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	01/05/26	\$1,208.24 Snowblower repair
115940	GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	01/05/26	\$96.19 Property tax
115941	MFOA OF ND	01/05/26	\$80.00 Chris Olson 2026 membership dues
115942	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	01/05/26	\$46.74 Ambulance food/drink
115943	NAOMI TROSTAD	01/05/26	\$35.00 Cell phone
115944	ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	01/05/26	\$90.00 2026 GrantFinder subscription
115945	NEW CENTURY PRESS	01/05/26	\$237.93 11/3/25 minutes
115946	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	01/05/26	\$4,054.24 CITY HALL
115947	COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	01/05/26	\$2,155.22 Property tax
115948	RENAE GILBERTSON	01/05/26	\$417.65 CPR Training course
115949	VESTIS	01/05/26	\$310.51 Towels, mops, mats
115950	SWEENEY CONTROLS CO.	01/06/26	\$2,563.19 Calibrate rosemount pressure transducers
115951	ND ONE CALL, INC	01/06/26	\$6.90 Locates x 4
115952	ND EMS ASSOCIATION	01/09/26	\$775.00 ND EMSA Agency membership
115953	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	01/09/26	\$1,363.51 City fuel
115954	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	01/09/26	\$1,265.30 Ambulance fuel
115955	HIGH PLAINS WATER	01/09/26	\$17.75 Bottled water
115956	MLGC	01/09/26	\$654.76 City Hall
115957	WSI	01/12/26	\$3,552.61 2026 premium
115958	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	01/12/26	\$725.00 Claims x 29
115959	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	01/12/26	\$127.64 COPIER LEASE
115961	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	01/14/26	\$370.01 MAIN LIFT
115962	POSTMASTER	01/23/26	\$277.98 Utility billing postage
115963	Briss, Craig	01/31/26	\$184.70
115964	Harris, Samantha	01/31/26	\$23.09

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt
115965 JOHNSON, ISAAC, R	01/31/26	\$519.43
115966 Keller, Julie M	01/31/26	\$773.89
115967 Ludwig, David O	01/31/26	\$5,058.57
115968 Martin, Amanda R	01/31/26	\$189.32
115969 Mickelson, Byron	01/31/26	\$2,619.81
115970 Moritz, Devin	01/31/26	\$3,336.15
115971 Olson, Christine L	01/31/26	\$2,997.23
115972 Paintner, Nancy	01/31/26	\$877.26
115973 Paintner, Paul	01/31/26	\$147.60
115974 Zimprich, Donald	01/31/26	\$1,384.32
503454e Monthly ACH	01/31/26	\$8,121.66
Total Checks		\$190,176.09

1130 Citizens State

100 GENERAL FUND	\$31,732.90
201 HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION FUND	\$5,481.20
203 CITY SPECIAL ACESS. FUND	\$35,322.70
204 SALES TAX FUND	\$2,538.92
211 AMBULANCE FUND	\$3,925.97
601 WATER FUND	\$7,453.02
602 SEWER FUND	\$64,993.58
603 GARBAGE FUND	\$6,700.00
604 INERT LANDFILL FUND	\$1,655.79
605 STREET LIGHT FUND	\$1,818.87
703 PARK DISTRICT FUND	\$2,155.22
704 GRIGGS CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND	\$96.19
705 AIRPORT FUND	\$68.70
	\$163,943.06